



Welcome Back! As we begin the 2011-2012 school year we would like to welcome you to Team Yale (7th Grade)! School begins at 7:35 am and ends at 2:01 pm. Please be on time. We're looking forward to having a great year together. The following are required supplies and comments from your teachers.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES:

PENS AND PENCILS (GLITTER PENS NOT ACCEPTED)

- BLUE AND BLACK PENS ONLY

3-RING BINDER WITH LOOSE-LEAF PAPER AND DIVIDERS

5 SINGLE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS

5 POCKET FOLDERS

USEFUL CLASSROOM DONATIONS:

TISSUES

MARKERS AND COLORED PENCILS

SCISSORS, GLUE STICKS AND PENCIL SHARPENERS

YOUR TEAM TEACHERS:

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| Language Arts- Writing: | Ms. Holland |
| Language Arts- Reading: | Mrs. Hansen-Proulx |
| Mathematics: | Mrs. Sapienza |
| Science: | Mr. Murphy |
| Social Studies: | Mrs. Gagnon |
| Special Education: | Mrs. Rand |
| Educational Assistant: | Mrs. Boucher |
| EH Program: | Mr. King & Ms. Blasik (E.A.) |

SOCIAL STUDIES (sgagnon@mansd.org)

Welcome to 7th grade Social Studies. This year will be an exciting chance to learn about the world around us. We will learn about the lands, governments and people of Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. We will recognize how they influence our lives everyday.

Every student is expected to maintain an organized and complete notebook and binder. Fulfilling this responsibility will give each student great advantages towards succeeding in this class. There will be class notes, quizzes, tests, projects and homework. Having access to the Internet will be necessary at times during the school year. Time will be provided at school, and the public libraries have Internet access as well. Welcome back!

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SCIENCE (matthewmurphy@mansd.org)

I hope you are ready to learn a lot of really cool things about how our planet works and where it came from!!! In science this year you will be learning about the solid Earth (Geology) and where our planet is located in the universe (Astronomy). We will also be learning about matter and the laws of motion, which is generally called Physical Science. I hope you don't mind getting your hands dirty and diving into science, because there is a lot of excitement waiting for you if you come with an open mind!

In order to be prepared for class, you will need to bring a pen & pencil and a three-ring binder everyday. Most days you will have a starter question, which you are expected to do at the very beginning of class (1st 5 minutes). You will be graded on your participation, HW completion, laboratories, quizzes, tests and projects.

MATHEMATICS (dgagnemartin@mansd.org)

Welcome to Seventh Grade! Mathematics is divided into four strands: 1. Geometry and Measure, 2. Data, Statistics, and Probability, 3. Numbers and Operations, 4. Functions and Algebra. You will be given a weekly project/packet rotating through the strands. We will be using Course 2 of Holt McDougal Mathematics. You will be given a username and password to use the text online. It would be best to keep your work in a single subject notebook and two-pocket folder.

READING (aproulx@mansd.org)

In class we will work on reading comprehension, fluency, reading for enjoyment and will learn about various literature genres and how to be critical readers in the world we live in today. I am very excited to start this new year... change is good, and I look forward to a brave new class coming in to learn, read, write, and think. Please come into class with one thing you have read this summer, and be able to summarize it. You will need two single-subject notebooks for this class, and a folder.

WRITING (mholland@mansd.org)

The District Writing Prompt Assessment is expected to occur in the fall. Following that, students will be exploring various aspects of the writing process in accordance with the State and District GLEs. In addition to learning vocabulary, structure, style, and peer-editing techniques, the following is a general list of the types of writing they will be working on during the year:

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| * Autobiographical Writing | * Narration: Short Stories |
| * Descriptive Writing | * A Persuasive Essay |
| * Compare & Contrast Essay | * Cause & Effect Essay |
| * How-To-Essay | * Research Report |

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